(v) 'Sampark Sabha' are being organised by the senior officer to brief the jails staff on their duties towards the prisoners.

Compensation to the Policemen for working on Holidays

1100. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether its is a fact that policemen up to the rank of Inspector in Delhi Police have been receiving 13 months' pay each year for working on holidays;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Delhi Administration has issued an order revoking the above practice and restricting their pay to 12 months; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On examination of the matter in consultation with its Administrative Reforms Department, the Delhi Administration recommended to the Government of India the discontinuance of the compensatory pay on the following grounds :—

(i) the strength of Delhi police had substantially increased since 1979 when orders regarding compensatory pay were issued;

(ii) the 4th Pay Commission had all ready given higher pay-scales to the police staff for performing long hours of duty, etc.

However, having regard to the various facts brought out by the police, a decision was taken the same day to hold the implementation of the decision in abeyance.

Clashes between Tribals and Non-Tribals in Meghalaya

1101. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any inquiry into the recent clashes between tribals and non-tribals in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that ULFA is having a growing influence over tribal Organisations in the State; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by Government to break the nexus ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) The Government of Meghalaya have ordered a judical inquiry into the recent disturbances in Shillong. The report of inquiry is yet to be received.

(d) and (e) There is evidence to prove that ULFA has used Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya, as a meeting place as well as for temporary shelter. As a result of vigilance, some ULFA militants were arrested in Meghalaya. There is, however, no report to indicate any growing influence or hold ULFA militants over tribal organisations in Meghalaya.

Ban on the Organisations Spreading Communal Hatred

1102. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the fact that communal conflicts are more endemic, wide spread, more intensive and destructive throughout the country, steps have been taken by Government to contain communal conflicts;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to ban the Political Organisations which spread communal hatred and create disharmony in the society and cause frequent violent disturbances;

(c) whether the Pattali Makkal Katchi and some other extremist splinter Groups in Tamil Nadu which are disseminating anti-national feelings are kept under surveillance; and

(d) whether these Organisatoins would be banned ?